

## UNIVERSITY EDUCATION (IRELAND).

RETURN to an Order of the Honorable The House of Commons,  
dated 3 March 1873;—for,

COPY "of the RESOLUTIONS of the Standing Committee (on Trinity College)  
of the General Assembly of the Irish Presbyterian Church, on the Subject  
of the IRISH UNIVERSITY BILL."

### UNIVERSITY EDUCATION IN IRELAND.

At Belfast, the 24th day of February 1873, on which day the Committee appointed by the General Assembly to "watch over the progress of the University question," being met, and constituted, *inter alia*, the Bill entitled, "A Bill for the Extension of University Education in Ireland" having been considered, the following Resolutions were adopted:—

1. We are of opinion that, through the University of Dublin, any person in Ireland, wherever educated, should be enabled to obtain a degree, who can pass the necessary examinations.

2. We approve of the proposal in the Bill to separate the theological faculty from the University of Dublin, and from Trinity College.

3. We believe that Trinity College should be opened, so that its secular advantages may be made available for all Her Majesty's subjects, without reference to creed or sect, subject to such regulations as will remove all religious disabilities from its fellowships, scholarships, and other honours.

4. The Committee disapprove of the proposal in the Bill to leave Trinity College such a large proportion of its revenues, and are of opinion that provision should be made therefrom for the more liberal support and encouragement of non-sectarian education in connection with the Queen's Colleges.

5. We object to the recognition by the State of denominational colleges as part of a national system of University education, and to the affiliation of such colleges with the University of Dublin.

6. We object to the representation of denominational colleges, as such, on the council of the proposed University of Dublin.

7. We object to the exclusion of modern history, and mental and moral philosophy, as subjects of examination from the rewards of the University.

8. We object to the proposal to dissolve the Queen's College in Galway, and believe that the Queen's Colleges and the Queen's University cannot be held to have had a fair trial until Government shall have established a proper system of intermediate education in Ireland.

Wm. Johnston,  
Moderator of the General Assembly of the  
Presbyterian Church in Ireland.

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(*Mr. Charles Leslie.*)

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Ordered, by The House of Commons, to be Printed,  
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